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## Sexual misconduct, unauthorized-practice allegations lead to suspension

King County man accused of working without supervision, improper contact with youths

**OLYMPIA** — The state Department of Health has immediately suspended Jayson Boehm, a health care provider in King County. Boehm, who worked for the Highline School District, is alleged to have had contact with possible sexual motivation with multiple teenage boys. Boehm is also alleged to have done examinations, made diagnoses, and given injections—which he's not qualified or licensed to do.

Boehm held credentials in four professions. The action, called a summary suspension, means Boehm (EMT.ES.00113130; MASS.MA.60024597; NAC.NC.10019815; RC.RC.00050775) can't practice or be employed as an emergency medical technician, massage therapist, nursing assistant, or registered counselor in Washington pending the outcome of a hearing.

Legal documents allege that Boehm, while working as a bus driver, athletic helper, and stadium manager at two high schools, did physical examinations of student-athletes. Boehm allegedly falsified physical exam forms to make it appear that a licensed physician did the exams. During the exams, Boehm allegedly touched more than two dozen students' genitals. Charges say Boehm diagnosed and treated students outside the scope of his credentials.

During a March 2010 boxing match at a local high school, Boehm allegedly touched the genitals of a boxer who had a bloody nose. He allegedly administered a needle injection. His credentials don't qualify him for that. Boehm wasn't acting as a district employee at the non-school-sponsored match. The boxer wasn't a student and wasn't affiliated with the district.

Boehm has 20 days to request a hearing. The charging documents are online; click "Provider Credential Search" on the <u>agency home page</u> (www.doh.wa.gov). They are also available by calling 360-236-4700.

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Consumers who believe a health care provider acted unprofessionally are encouraged to call the state Department of Health at 360-236-4700 to report their complaint. A <u>complaint form is also on the agency's Web site</u> (http://www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/Professions/documents/complaint.pdf). Directions are listed for mailing, e-mailing, or faxing the completed form to the agency's Health Systems Quality Assurance division.

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